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SUBJECT: AID ADMINISTRATOR'S TRAVEL

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1. MOST PLEASED TO HAVE ADMINISTRATOR VISIT THAILAND. SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PEAKING, REPLACING MILITARY-SECURITY PREOCCUPATION OF PAST. VISIT AT THIS TIME BY ADMINISTRATOR CAN MATERIALLY ASSIST FOCUS ON REASONABLE RANGE OF SUPPORTIVE ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE IN STEP WITH THAI DECISIONS TO DEAL WITH CRITICAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. WOULD ALSO PLAN DISCUSS ROLE OF REGIONAL PROGRAMS.

2. REGARDING TIMING. APRIL 15 IS IMPORTANT THAI HOLIDAY. DATES SUGGESTED WILL THUS NOT PERMIT DISCUSSIONS WITH THAI OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT. THAI WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND ADMINISTRATOR SCHEDULING VISIT IN WAY WHICH PRECLUDED CALLING ON SENIOR RTG REPRESENTATIVES. HOLIDAY COMING ON END OF WEEKEND WILL MEAN ALMOST ALL KEY THAI WILL BE AWAY FROM BANGKOK THROUGH 15TH. NOTE ALSO AMBASSADOR KINTNER PLANS DEPART THAILAND MIDDAY APRIL 12, RETURNING LATE AFTERNOON 15TH.

3. AS ALTERNATIVE DATES WE SUGGEST DELAY ARRIVAL TO SUNDAY 14TH, THUS PERMITTING DISCUSSIONS WITH USOM, RED, AND CT MEMBERS, AND POSSIBLE FIELD TRIP 14TH/15TH; MEETINGS WITH THAI WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR 16TH PRIOR DEPARTURE THAT NIGHT FOR EUROPE. (NOTE NIGHTLY

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DEPARTURES FOR EUROPE BY TWA AT 2120 AND BY PANAM AT

0040.) ARRIVAL 14TH, DEPARTING 16TH WILL AFFORD
OPPORTUNITIES MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AND FOR AMBASSADOR
OR USOM DIRECTOR HOST MINISTERIAL LEVEL DINNER OR
LUNCHEON ON 16TH.

4. SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE COME HERE AHEAD OF
VISIT TO SAIGON, ARRIVING APRIL 10 OR 11, DEPARTING
12 OR 13.

5. WILL PROCEED PREPARATION SCHEDULE SUGGESTIONS
PENDING FURTHER ADVICE. DECON 6/4/74.
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